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AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984 FOR THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT

MAY 16, 1983.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1283]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works reports an original bill (S. 1283) to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize funds for fiscal year 1984 and recommends that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT

The Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, requires the Environmental Protection Agency to issue and enforce regulations governing the disposal of various solid and hazardous wastes. In addition, the Act provides assistance to States, municipalities, and regional authorities to aid them in planning and managing disposal facilities which meet the standards of the Act.

The reported bill authorizes appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the purposes of the Act. The legislation essentially reauthorizes the existing program for fiscal year 1984. There are no new program directions other than increased authorizations including financial assistance to assist the States in development and implementation of authorized State hazardous waste programs.

The bill contains the same authorization levels as S. 757 introduced on March 10, 1983, with the exception of an additional $5 million in the operating program which may be allocated to specific solid waste activities such as revision and implementation of sanitary landfill criteria, in substantive amendments to be considered later this year. The total authorization can be compared to an appropriation of $89.9 million in fiscal year 1981.

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The Committee does not intend the Senate to act on this legislation until substantive amendments to this bill have been reported by the Committee later this year. It is the goal of the Committee to report such amendments by the end of June, 1983.

FUNDING LEVELS

[In millions of dollars]

	Actual fiscal year 1982	Current estimated fiscal year 1983	President's request fiscal year 1984	Committee authorization fiscal year 1984
Section:				
2007(a): General administration	38. 718	39. 532	40. 223	50
3001: Grants to States for implementation of hazardous waste program	42. 345	44. 068	42. 500	47
Total	81. 063	83. 600	82. 723	97. 000

Hearings

No hearings have been held on this bill. The Committee will hold hearings later this year on substantive amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Act which are contained in S. 757.

Rollcall Votes

On May 10, 1983, the Committee, by a rollcall vote of 14–0, ordered reported the bill to authorize funding for the solid and hazardous waste program.

Evaluation of Regulatory Impacts

In compliance with section 11(b)(1) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact of the reported bill.

The reported bill does not add or reduce the regulatory authority provided by existing law.

The bill has no impact on the personal privacy of individuals.

Cost of Legislation

U.S. Congress,
Congressional Budget Office,
Washington, D.C., May 13, 1983.

Hon. Robert T. Stafford,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached cost estimate for the Solid Waste Disposal Act Amendments of 1984.

Should the Committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

James Blum
(For Alice M. Rivlin, Director).

Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate

May 13, 1983.

1. Bill number: Not yet assigned.
2. Bill title: Solid Waste Disposal Act Amendments of 1984.
3. Bill status: As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, May 10, 1983.
4. Bill purpose: The bill authorizes fiscal year 1984 appropriations of $50 million for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer the provisions of the Solid Waste Disposal Act and $47 million for grants to states. State grant money is distributed based on a formula and is used to develop and implement authorized state hazardous waste programs.
5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

	Millions
Authorization level:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	$97
1985	-----
1986	-----
1987	-----
1988	-----
Estimated outlays:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	52
1985	26
1986	12
1987	7
1988	-----

The costs of this bill fall within budget function $300.

Basis of estimate: The authorization level is specified in the bill. For purposes of this estimate, the full amount authorized is assumed to be appropriated prior to the start of fiscal year 1984. Outlays were estimated based on information from EPA and historical spending patterns for this program.

6. Estimated cost to State and local governments: States would receive in grants an estimated $19 million in 1984, $16 million in 1985, $7 million in 1986, and $5 million in 1987. There are no matching requirements, and the estimated costs of administering the grant program are not significant.
7. Estimate comparison: None.
8. Previous CBO estimate: None.
9. Estimate prepared by: Anne E. Hoffman.
10. Estimate approved by:

C. G. Nuckols
(For James L. Blum,
Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

Changes in Existing Law

In the opinion of the committee. it is necessary to dispense with the requirement of section 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate in order to expedite the business of the Senate.

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